

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 22 were pending. Applicant has amended claim 2, withdrawn claims 9 to 12, and canceled claims 13 to 18.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement for the following groups: Group I, claims 1 to 8 and 19 to 22; Group II, claims 9 to 12; Group III, claims 13; Group IV, claim 14, and Group V, claims 15 to 18. Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1 to 8 and 19 to 22 with traverse and requests the Examiner to reconsider the grouping of the claims for the following reasons.

Claims 9 and 10 in Group II substantially correspond to claims 3 and 4 in Group I. Specifically, these claims relate to using an index to decode minimum coded units. Claims 3 and 4 differ from claims 9 and 10 in that they depend from claims 1 and 2, which relate to creating the index. Thus, the examination of the claims in Group I will allow the Examiner to also make a determination as to the patentability of claims 9 and 10 without unreasonable burden. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to include claims 9 to 12 in the examination.

Applicant has amended claim 2, withdrawn claims 9 to 12, and canceled claims 13 to 18. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480 x206.

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